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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## REPORT.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE,  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Dec. 15, 1919.

To His Excellency CALVIN COOLIDGE, *Governor*.

SIR: — In compliance with the requirements of chapter 249 of the Acts of 1903 the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine submits its annual report for the fiscal year 1919.

Two persons have applied for registration during the year, both of whom have been examined. Also 4 persons have been re-examined who had been examined previous to this year. All but 1 of this number were graduates of veterinary schools authorized to confer degrees in veterinary medicine.

The number of individuals examined this year is 6, and the results are given in the following table: —

|                             | Examined. | Registered. | Refused. |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| June examination, . . . . . | 6         | 4           | 2        |

The following men successfully passed our examinations during the year: —

| NAME.                                 | Graduate of —                      |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Duclos, Frederick Nelson, . . . . .   | Ontario Veterinary College.        |
| Mahon, William Henry, . . . . .       | Ontario Veterinary College.        |
| Williams, Walter Wilkinson, . . . . . | Cornell University.                |
| Wright, Joseph Matthew, . . . . .     | New York State Veterinary College. |

In addition to the June examination a special examination was given in December, 1918, to an applicant who was

engaged in the veterinary service of the United States. This applicant had been refused registration as a result of the June, 1918, examination, and desired another opportunity for examination at an early date as his nonregistration in his residential State prevented promotion. As it was impossible for the applicant to come to Massachusetts for this examination, the Board voted to prepare questions and books and forward same to a designated superior officer to conduct the examination. Such superior officer being designated, the books were prepared and sent. As a result of the examination the applicant was refused registration.

Since the organization of the Board, Jan. 1, 1904, 485 certificates of registration have been issued.

During the year the Board has held 6 meetings and 1 regular examination.

According to the rules of the Board, all applications for examination must be made upon blanks furnished for this purpose by the secretary, and returned to him at least three days before the date of examination, properly executed and accompanied by the fee of \$15. A ticket of admission to an examination, showing the date and the applicant's number, is issued on the receipt of this application; tickets are also issued to rejected applicants entitled to a re-examination if applied for three days before the date of examination. By a rule of the Board, examinations are held twice annually, in June and in November. The law requires that these examinations shall be wholly or in part in writing, in the English language, and shall be of a scientific and practical character. They shall include the subjects of anatomy, surgery, physiology, animal parasites, obstetrics, pathology, bacteriology, diagnosis and practice, therapeutics, materia medica and veterinary dentistry, and shall be sufficiently thorough to test the applicant's fitness to practice veterinary medicine. There is usually an average of eight questions in each subject, and the answer to each question is marked on a scale of 0 to 100. The applicant's general average is then computed, and if it falls below 70 per cent he is rejected.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that the name of the applicant is unknown to any examiner, with the



exception of the secretary. Each examination book bears a number, upon which the examiner reports his rating.

Since its organization the Board has held 36 examinations.

The following table gives a list of the schools from which the registrants were graduated, and the results of their examinations. It also shows the results of the examinations taken by applicants who were refused registration and by nongraduates:—

|   | Examined. | REGISTERED AS RESULT OF — |                     |                    |                     |                    |                      |                     | Refused. |
|---|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------|
|   |           | First Examination.        | Second Examination. | Third Examination. | Fourth Examination. | Fifth Examination. | Seventh Examination. | Eighth Examination. |          |
| Chicago Veterinary College, . . . .           | 20        | 10                        | 2                   | 1                  | 1                   | 1                  | -                    | -                   | 5        |
| College of Physicians and Surgeons, . .       | 1         | -                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | 1        |
| Columbia Veterinary College, . . . .          | 1         | 1                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Cornell University, . . . . .                 | 11        | 10                        | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | 1        |
| Correspondence School, . . . . .              | 13        | -                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | 13       |
| Grand Rapids Veterinary College, . .          | 5         | 1                         | 3                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | 1        |
| Harvard Medical School, . . . . .             | 1         | 1                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Harvard Veterinary School, . . . . .          | 7         | 6                         | 1                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Indiana Veterinary School, . . . . .          | 1         | -                         | 1                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Iowa State College, . . . . .                 | 1         | 1                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Kansas City Veterinary College, . . .         | 2         | 2                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Laval Veterinary College, . . . . .           | 1         | 1                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| McGill University, . . . . .                  | 4         | 3                         | 1                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| McKillip Veterinary College, . . . . .        | 8         | 4                         | 1                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | 1                    | -                   | 2        |
| National Veterinary College, . . . . .        | 1         | 1                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| New York American Veterinary College,         | 7         | 6                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | 1        |
| New York State Veterinary College, . .        | 4         | 4                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Nongraduates, . . . . .                       | 23        | 10                        | 3                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | 10       |
| Ohio State University, . . . . .              | 9         | 9                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Ontario Veterinary College, . . . . .         | 39        | 15                        | 3                   | 3                  | -                   | -                  | 1                    | 1                   | 16       |
| Royal Superior Veterinary College,<br>Naples. | 1         | 1                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Royal Veterinary College, England, . .        | 1         | -                         | 1                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| Terre Haute Veterinary College, . . .         | 1         | 1                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | -        |
| United States College, . . . . .              | 6         | 2                         | -                   | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -                   | 4        |
| University of Pennsylvania, . . . . .         | 36        | 29                        | 3                   | -                  | -                   | 1                  | -                    | -                   | 3        |
| Totals, . . . . .                             | 204       | 113                       | 19                  | 4                  | 1                   | 2                  | 2                    | 1                   | 57       |

For the purpose of convenience the "correspondence school" is listed as a school, although it is not chartered and has no right to issue degrees. It is to be noted that 13 men, graduates of this school, have been examined, who assumed that they had received a proper training in veterinary medicine, yet failed by our examination to demonstrate any knowledge of veterinary science. The result shows the absolute impracticability of teaching veterinary medicine by correspondence. This school uses the mails extensively to send out literature describing its efficiency and success, holding out the promise to credulous persons that by studying its courses they will be fully prepared to practice veterinary medicine, giving them a diploma which represents them as graduates from a regular school, and from which the word "correspondence" is intentionally omitted. It is to be regretted that the United States mail authorities do not refuse the use of the mails to this and similar schools.

Circular 150-C, issued October, 1913, by the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry, is of interest in this connection. It reads: —

The following list of accredited veterinary colleges, graduates of which are eligible for the civil-service examination for the position of veterinary inspector in the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry, is hereby approved in lieu of that published in Regulation XXIV of Bureau of Animal Industry Circular 150, "Regulations Governing Entrance to the Veterinary Inspector Examination," and in lieu of the revised list published in Bureau of Animal Industry Circular 150-B:<sup>1</sup> —

Alabama Polytechnic Institute, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Chicago Veterinary College.

Cincinnati Veterinary College.

Colorado State College, Division of Veterinary Medicine.

George Washington University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Grand Rapids Veterinary College.<sup>2</sup>

Indiana Veterinary College.

Iowa State College, Division of Veterinary Medicine.

Kansas City Veterinary College.

Kansas State Agricultural College, Veterinary Department.

McKillop Veterinary College.

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<sup>1</sup> This list is subject to change. The failure of any college to comply with the provisions of the regulations will necessitate removal from the list.

<sup>2</sup> To include only those graduates who have pursued the study of veterinary medicine at this college or in some other accredited college for three years.

Michigan Agricultural College, Division of Veterinary Science.  
 New York-American Veterinary College.  
 New York State Veterinary College.  
 Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.  
 St. Joseph Veterinary College.<sup>1</sup>  
 San Francisco Veterinary College.  
 State College of Washington, Veterinary Department.  
 Terre Haute Veterinary College.  
 United States College of Veterinary Surgeons.<sup>2</sup>  
 University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine.  
 University of Toronto, Ontario Veterinary College, to include only those graduated during or prior to 1897.

Graduates of the following-named colleges which are not now in session will be admitted to examinations: —

American Veterinary College, New York, N. Y.  
 Columbia Veterinary College, New York, N. Y.  
 Columbian University, Veterinary School, Washington, D. C.  
 Harvard University, School of Veterinary Medicine, Boston, Mass.  
 McGill University, Veterinary Department, Montreal, Can.  
 National Veterinary College, Washington, D. C.

Graduates of the following-named foreign colleges will be admitted to examinations: —

Glasgow Veterinary College, Glasgow, Scot.  
 Royal Veterinary College, London, Eng.  
 Royal Veterinary College of Ireland, Dublin, Ire.  
 Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh, Scot.  
 The New Veterinary College, Liverpool, Eng.  
 Veterinary College of Lemberg, Austria.  
 University of Melbourne, Veterinary School, Melbourne, Australia.

During the year the Board has investigated complaints against 7 individuals for practicing veterinary medicine illegally, 2 of whom have been referred to the District Police for prosecution.

The receipts of the Board, which according to law have been paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth, have been as follows: —

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Form C, fees at \$15, | \$75 00 |
| Total,                | \$75 00 |

<sup>1</sup> Matriculates of 1910, in addition to the regular course, will be required to take one year's additional instruction at this college. Graduates prior to 1914 will be required to have had one year's practice and to take an additional year's instruction at this college.

<sup>2</sup> Graduates of 1910 and 1911 will be required to present a certificate showing attendance for an additional session at this or some other accredited veterinary college.

The expenses of the Board have been as follows:—

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Salaries and traveling expenses of members, . . . . | \$654 60 |
| Investigating complaints, . . . . .                 | 48 63    |
| Stenography and typewriting, . . . . .              | 42 75    |
| Printing and postage, . . . . .                     | 51 24    |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . .                            | 57 43    |
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| Total, . . . . .                                    | \$854 65 |

Respectfully submitted,

LANGDON FROTHINGHAM, *Chairman.*

ELMER W. BABSON, *Secretary.*

GEO. P. PENNIMAN.

LESTER H. HOWARD.

THOS. E. MALONEY.